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ABSTRACT

This book presents information as to how teenagers select their friends. Material was garnered through a review of the literature and hundreds of interviews. The book opens with a focus on how teenagers make friends, and includes such issues as the power of self, finding groups, peer impact, the merging process, seeking significance, and putting power to work. This section examines the lessons of friendship, self esteem, privacy, challenges to friendship, resolving conflict, cliques, status symbols, shared interests, coping with stress, the various fears that inhabit the teenager's world, and the power of positive thinking. The next section turns to the roles of parents and examines ways in which parental styles influence teenagers. It focuses on autonomy, the role of the family, the impact of divorce, the influence of multigenerational families, communication tips, setting limits, teaching by example, and fostering friendships. At the end of each chapter, a list of quick points summarizes the chapter's contents. The ideas contained in the book are intended to foster bridge-building between teens and their parents. Contains an index. (RJM)

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